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September 2018

AARA General Meeting ~ August 2, 2018

The meeting began at 7:00 PM with 27 in attendance at the Lafayette Science Museum.

General - Club President Chris Ancelet N5MCY opened and conducted the meeting. Club Treasurer Tom Dischler W5OHJ led the group in the opening prayer. Chris led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF recited the pledge in Cajun French.

Chris recognized several new and returning members. The members present then introduced themselves to the new members.

Chris reminded the group that minutes of last month's General Meeting were published in the LARC. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Kathy Daigle KD5TJZ, seconded by Danny Daigle KD5JSM and approved by the membership.

Tom presented his Treasurer's Report to the group. A motion to accept his report was made by Joseph Meaux K2JDM, seconded by Derek Meche WM5TS and approved by the membership.

Tour de Teche ~ Sandy Leblanc provided an update on the 2018 Tour de Teche canoe race to be held October 5th – 7th. The Command Center will be located at St. Martinville on Friday and will relocate to Franklin and Berwick as the race progresses over the weekend. Radio operators manning checkpoints will receive a folder containing race information and are requested to set up at their assigned checkpoint one hour before racers are expected to arrive at their checkpoint. Individuals wishing to operate their own special event station are welcome to do so. Danny and Kathy Daigle volunteered to fill the one remaining slot at the New Iberia checkpoint on Saturday morning.

2019 Hamfest ~ Brandon Stelly updated the group on the status of next year's hamfest. The event is tentatively scheduled for the 2nd weekend of March. Rental costs for the Rayne Civic Center are anticipated to increase substantially. Alternative venues are being explored. A motion was made by Danny Daigle to reserve the civic center for the Friday and Saturday provided a reasonable cancellation policy is obtained. The motion was seconded by Bobby Leblanc KG5KFK and approved by the membership.

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AARA GENERAL MEETING

September 6, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

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 Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>
 Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM
 145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA
 EchoLink Node: 370324

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Club Website ~~ Club Secretary David McCutcheon KG5JHR updated the membership on his efforts to transition the club's website to one powered by a more modern web design program. Anyone with website administration experience is invited to assume or assist David with those efforts. He has also updated the club membership roster and will be posting it to the current website soon. Members are encouraged to review their personal information and contact David if revisions are needed.

Special Events ~~ Chris polled the group about activating a special event station during the Rice Festival in October. No one expressed a desire to activate the station so it will not be pursued.

Mentorship Program ~~ Chris reminded the group that individuals are needed to act as mentors to other club members especially new operators. Anyone wishing to assist in this program should submit their name, email address and subject matter they wish to support so that the information can be published in the LARC.

Miscellaneous ~~ Chris presented the clubs new QSL cards that he will use for club related events. Club members can obtain QSL cards from Chris.

Presentation ~~ Chris gave a brief presentation on general radio operating etiquette. The FCC penalty that was recently imposed on an operator for interfering with Lake Charles repeater operations was discussed.

Adjournment ~~ A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joseph Meaux and seconded by Galen Wilson KF5BET. The motion passed and Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Prepared by David McCutcheon KG5JHR

Need for VE's

An Airstream RV Caravan is taking the Great River Road shadowing the Mississippi River down to New Orleans. During the trip some dedicated ham radio instructors are teaching a Technician class. In order to take the final exam, this group needs VE's on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at the French Quarter RV Park in New Orleans. If you are a VE and willing to come out to the Big Easy, or if you know a VE in the city, please contact:

"Ingo - KK6EWB"
 310-714-4646
KK6EWB@gmail.com.

73, Thank you!

August 2018 VE TEST SESSION



Test Session Results 2 August 2018

Could have been a better night but as it turned out we did get one NE General class operator and it was Bryn Hebert, KG5KRV OF Baton Rouge. (the daughter of Bret & Synomen Hebert, KG5IQU & KG5IRS).

The VES in attendance were:
Greg ~K5LFT, Dave ~ N4ELM,
Galen ~ KF5BET, Synomen ~
KG5IRS, Bretton ~ KG5IQU &
Archive ~ W5AG.

Congratulations Bryn & hopefully those that were close will not give up. Thanks to all participants !!!!

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT

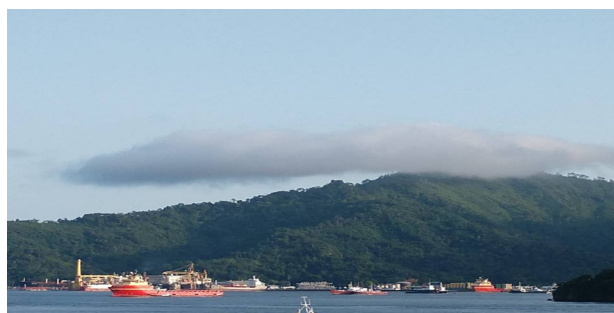


From Caine Richard KG5PUL

Well friends, I had a safe flight to Trinidad and have settled in on the sister ship of my normally assigned vessel. The name of this salty girl is the HOS COLT.. Ships HF Radio is locked out of LSB. (For the moment) I intend to snoop around for installation manual for service menu password to solve that problem. Lol... But for the short time I will be limited to 20m USB. . Starting Monday 13th Aug I will be active at my station between 1700 UTC - 1730 UTC. I'll throw out some CQ calls +/- 14.250mhz .

I will carry out this schedule for a week. If I have good luck I'll keep it up. I'm hopeful to make contact with a few club members and of course any one - any where. I'll be talking and listening!

KG5PUL/MM.



From The ARRL Letter for August 2, 2018

FCC Cites Baofeng Importer for Illegally Marketing Unauthorized RF Devices

- The FCC has issued a Citation and Order (Citation) to Amcrest Industries, LLC (formerly Foscam Digital Technologies, LLC), an importer and marketer of popular and inexpensive Baofeng handheld transceivers, alleging that the company violated FCC rules and the Communications Act by illegally marketing unauthorized RF devices. The FCC asserts that Amcrest marketed Baofeng model UV-5R-series FM handheld radios capable of transmitting on "restricted frequencies." The Baofeng models UV-5R and UV-5R V2+ were granted an FCC equipment authorization in 2012 to operate under Part 90 Private Land Mobile Radio Service (Land Mobile) rules. Amcrest conceded that the units were capable of operating on restricted frequencies but told the FCC that, per discussions with the manufacturer, were "only capable of operating at 1 W, the FCC said. The company instructed the manufacturer to fix the problem and later confirmed with the manufacturer that all Amcrest inventory on order and in the future would operate only on 145 - 155 MHz and 400 - 520 MHz. Amcrest told the FCC that it had ceased marketing four models in the Baofeng UV-5R series "a few years ago," but it did not remove them from its website until last February. Numerous online retailers continue selling UV-5R series radios for less than \$25, with some ads indicating that these are "ham" equipment.

Chasing Satellites by Charles Morrison N5WE

After years of sitting idle in my shack, I finally pulled out the Arrow Antenna that we had purchased as a club project many years ago. I set out to make my first ever satellite contact. My coworker, newly licensed Jason Suarez WB5LBD and I began by tracking down what sats we could easily work and settled on 3 of the FM birds, AO-85, AO-91 and AO-92. I dusted off my trusty old Wouxun radio and entered the frequencies. I headed over to Amsat.org and pulled up the pass predictions for all three of the birds and printed them out. With my paper in hand, my Wouxun charged up and my cell phone, we walked outside of our office for our first attempts at making a contact.

Much to my surprise, right on time, the satellite appeared on the horizon and I could hear signals. I began calling to no avail. As the pass ended, I discovered that I had set the PL tone on the receive frequency, but not on the transmit frequency. So we waited for the next pass. As the time approached, we headed outside, took our bearings with the compass, guessed at the height in the sky and pointed the antenna and waited. Right on cue the bird appeared and we began calling.. over and over, no replies. No one heard N5WE. As the pass ended, in my excitement, I realized I'd been transmitting on the downlink frequency the entire time. On to the next pass.

We walked inside, sat down, read the paper for the pass and prepared. 10 minutes before the pass, we were outside, checked the pl tone, checked the transmit frequency, checked the azimuth, guessed on the elevation and got ready. As the time for the bird to appear passed, we waited, twisted the antenna, double checked azimuth, double checked download frequency, double checked the elevation, everything.. except double checking the TIME. We had the wrong time, we'd completely calculated the wrong local time from zulu. We were done for the day.

The next day was a new day, we double checked EVERYTHING, and headed out the door. In the mean-time, I'd read a bit more online about operating hints, in the rush of the contact and holding the radio in one hand and the antenna in the other, how do you log? Cell phone memo recorder to the rescue. So now we've checked our time, checked our frequency, found our azimuth, guesstimated our elevation, and started our memo recorder. We began calling, "N5WE, Echo Mike 30"... static.. "N5WE, Echo Mike 30, anyone copy??" "N5WE, this is AA0CW, DM58".. We got it.. on a great low westerly pass, we worked Colorado on 2 meters! Then it continued, "N5WE, this is K7TAB DM43 in Arizona".

We then switched over to Jason's call and managed to work the same 2 guys again.. we ended up actually nabbing another 2 for a total of 4 each that one pass. Finally, 27 years as a ham operator, I finally had bagged one on satellite!

photo: Charlie N5WE, Francis WB5LWP, Rod W5OIH, and Jason WB5LBD outside in the parking lot of BJ's pizza.

Photo courtesy of Steve KF5VH





CLARC

CENTRAL LOUISIANA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

CLARC Hamfest 2018

**Saturday, October 13th
8AM to 1 PM**

Keez Park, 2450 Hwy 28 E.
Pineville, Louisiana

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Breakfast (coffee and donuts)

Lunch will be available

TALK IN Frequency: 147.330 Tone 173.8

Alternate Frequency: 147.375 Tone 173.8

ECHOLINK: KD5DFL-R or Node # 169091

Plenty of space available for swap tables, fellowship, tall tales, food and fun.

Admission \$5.00. Main Prize and Door Prize Tickets \$1.00 ea.

Tables \$10.00. Tables are on a first come, first serve basis.

For advanced tickets and information contact:

Scott Wren at kd5dfl@hotmail.com or call 318-484-6744

Check us out on the web at www.clarc.us

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CLARCHams/>

VE Testing Will Be Available

Forums: To be announced

Grand Prize: Icom IC-7300

Second Prize: Icom IC-2730A Dual Band Mobile

Third Prize: Wouxun KG-UV8 Handi-Talkie

"Life is like a mirror. Smile at it and it smiles back at you." — Peace Pilgrim

"Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." — Will Rogers

"Most folks are about as happy as they make their minds up to be." — Abraham Lincoln

SILENT KEY -Carol Lynn (Laurents) Noack, KK5L

**Carol Lynn (Laurents) Noack of Port Arthur, Texas, passed away on July 28, 2018.**

Carol was born in Port Arthur, Texas, on April 23, 1935, to Burton and Jane (Hebert) Laurents. She graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1953 and earned her BS and Masters in Accounting at Lamar University. She was a CPA and a retired Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

Carol was interested in genealogy and was a member of several heritage organizations. She was also a member of the Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) and the St. James Altar Society. She volunteered at the Port Arthur International Seafarers' Center and at numerous other local organizations throughout her years in Port Arthur. Her hobbies included amateur radio (KK5L), needlework, reading, and especially crossword puzzles. She was a whiz with the NY Times puzzles!

Carol is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Marvin Noack (N5COS), children Barbara (Kenneth) Smith of Port Arthur, Sharon (Morrie) Bobrow of San Francisco, Kim Chow of Lihue, Hawaii, and Mark (Edna) Noack of Port Arthur. She is also survived by her grandchildren Michael (Polly) Smith of Port Arthur, Melissa (David) Smith Sexton of New Port Richey, Florida, Scarlett Cormier of Port Neches, Benjamin (Becky) Lang of San Rafael, California, Burton Olivier of Los Angeles, Dexter Olivier of Lihue, Hawaii, and Ethan Noack of Port Arthur. Carol's great grandchildren include Samuel Smith of Kapahi, Hawaii, Trinity and Taya Adams of Port Neches, and Daniel, Matthew, and Andrew Sexton of New Port Richey, Florida. She is predeceased in death by her stillborn daughter, Angela.

Carol's brilliant mind and kindness will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know her and love her. The family would like to thank the staff at Oak Grove Nursing Home, Harbor Hospice, and Fr. David Edwards for their support, love, and care of Carol and of our family.

"There's no next time. It's now or never." — Author Unknown

August 2018 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	67	124		KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn Net	4	46	157		N5MCY Chris
Silent Key Memorial Net	5	44	90		KD5JSM Danny
Youth Thursday Night Net	5	46	155		KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

Error is a hardy plant; it flourisheth in every soil.

~~~ Martin Farquhar Tupper

### AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Beginning January 1, 2018, the net will not rotate between repeaters but the Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

In case of a repeater failure, the alternate receiver will be the W5EXI repeater.

The September 2018 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 09/03/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 09/10/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 09/17/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 09/24/2018 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Chris N5MCY  |

### REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The September schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.



#### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| 09/08 | N5AN   | Paul   |
| 09/12 | KG5KZL | Jerry  |
| 09/13 | W5MLE  | Fred   |
| 09/15 | KG5FMP | John   |
| 09/16 | N5HVY  | Dalton |
| 09/17 | KF5RBW | James  |
| 09/17 | KF5THS | A. J.  |
| 09/18 | KG5KFK | Bobby  |
| 09/18 | KG5VYB | Denis  |
| 09/19 | WD5CAE | Mel    |
| 09/22 | KG5PVR | Paige  |
| 09/28 | KG5MKV | Joy    |
| 10/01 | KE5IBM | Cheryl |
| 10/02 | KG5NZF | John   |
| 10/04 | K5LFT  | Greg   |
| 10/05 | W5OHJ  | Tom    |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.





### **Louisiana Delta Radio Club with Parks on the Air (POTA)**

Activating **Lake D'Arbonne State Park** this Saturday, September 1, 2018.

Hosted by Joe Holland KB5VJY

Every one can meet up around 11:00 am

Fish Fry starts around noon.

Bring your own chair.

Demonstrations on making Wire antennas, Food, Fun, and Activating a state park!

#### **Details:**

All Louisiana Delta Radio Club members/ Ham Radio Operators/ Those interested in Amateur Radio are INVITED and Welcome to attend our Activation of Lake D'Arbonne State Park (PAVILLION #1) along with fun and fellowship!! We will be frying some wild caught catfish (by Jason KG5UHY), and some grilled Hot Dogs/Sausages with all the accoutrements.. We will have a Fox hunt, and be operating an HF Station for Parks on the Air! Come out and enjoy the Fun and Fellowship..

#### **PLEASE RSVP AT**

pic@laarll.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/443941219424370/>

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### **Now What??? by Joseph "Moe" Meaux K2JDM**

To some, my story seems to be the ramblings of a madman. Many resources for ideas, but little money and time. Forced into an early retirement due to an accident and then losing everything you own because of a "computer glitch" doesn't make you very happy. You learn to survive.

And this is what this has been about: SURVIVAL. In the event of a natural disaster (Katrina or earthquake) or man-made, you need to survive. That is an instinct built in our DNA. And as radio operators, we know what it means to be able to call for help rather if it is 20 miles away or 2000 miles away. There is someone out there listening. Our practices of using a radio to talk to others miles away may someday help with our survival.

Portable operation for SOTA or POTA keeps us in practice. Getting our equipment ready for a fast deployment means we can survive. You never know what may happen tomorrow, today, or within the next hour. Be prepared at all times.



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*Share the Fun ~  
Bring a Friend  
to be a HAM.*

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

|                      |                    |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Tour de Teche</b> | <b>October 5-7</b> | <b>various locations</b> |
| <b>Cajun Cup</b>     | <b>November 10</b> | <b>morning hours</b>     |
| <b>Veterans Day</b>  | <b>November 10</b> |                          |

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### **Rice Pilaf**

Not unlike store bought Rice-A-Roni.

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2-2/3 Cups of Chicken Broth        | 1/3 Cup Butter               |
| 1 tsp Salt                         | 1/2 tsp Garlic Powder        |
| 1/4 tsp Black Pepper               | 1/8 tsp Paprika              |
| 2 Tbs Olive Oil                    | 1/3 Cup Vermicelli or Orzo   |
| 1 Cup Long Grain Rice              | 1/3 Bell Pepper, finely chop |
| 1 Tbs fresh or 2 tsp dried Parsley |                              |

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

In a medium saucepan set to medium heat, add the chicken broth, butter, salt, garlic powder, parsley, pepper, bell pepper, paprika, and onion powder. Once the mixture starts to simmer, reduce to low heat.

In a large skillet, set at medium-low heat, add the olive oil.

When the oil is hot, add the vermicelli or orzo and cook until brown. Add the rice and cook for 5-7 minutes, while stirring.

Pour the warm broth mixture into the skillet and stir combine. Once the mixture comes to a simmer, cover and cook for 20-25 minutes, or until all the liquid absorbed.

### **FCC Information Service**

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

*[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).*

#### **FCC Website:**

*<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>*

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.*

*<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>*

*The mailing address to the FCC is:*

*Federal Communications Commission,  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554*